HOUSE BILL 2038 By Litz

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 4, relative to telephone solicitations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-405(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) of that subsection and by substituting instead the following:

(1) A person or entity desiring to make telephone solicitations to any residential subscriber shall pay to the authority by certified check or money order an annual registration fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) to defray regulatory and enforcement expenses. Such annual registration fee shall allow access to the Do Not Call Register compiled from the database established pursuant to this part for a specified time period. A person or entity that is paying the annual registration fee for the first time shall have such registration fee prorated for the portion of the year remaining prior to the date that the next annual registration fee is due. The registration deadline and annual time period to which access to the Do Not Call Registry is limited shall be determined by rule duly promulgated by the authority.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.